

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3, 14, 19, 24, and 38, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-13, 15, 17, 18, 20-23, 25-29, 31-37, 39, and 41-51 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A data transmission method for host and target devices[,] connected by a serial bus, said method comprising the steps of:

performing bi-directional communication between [said] the host and target devices; and

selectively setting a data transfer method to be performed from a plurality of data transfer methods including a [PULL model in which said target device reads data from said host device, based on] synchronous transfer method, which performs flow control, and an asynchronous transfer method by using the bi-directional communication,

wherein the data transfer method is set by the host device in accordance with a data transfer method set in the target device.

2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of data transfer methods [further include]

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includes a PULL model, in which the target device reads data from the host device, a response model, in which a response is returned in a unit of block transfer, a simplified response model, in which a response of the simplified response model is to simplify, a [Push] PUSH model, in which [said] the host device writes data into [said] the target device, and an [Isochronous] isochronous model [using], which uses an isochronous transfer.

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3. ^{4.} (Amended) The method according to claim 1 2, wherein the PULL model is a PULL data transfer method in which data transfer is performed by reading data of [said] the host device by [said] the target device.

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4. ^{5.} (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the serial bus is a bus adapted to or based on [the] IEEE 1394 standards.

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5. ^{6.} (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein [said] the host device provides image data.

7. ^{8.} (Amended) The method according to claim 1 1, wherein [said] the target device forms a visible image, based on the image data, on a print medium.

8. (Amended) The method according to claim [1] ⁶~~1~~,
wherein [said] the target device stores the image data into a
storage medium.

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10. (Amended) An image processing apparatus
comprising:

communication means for performing communication with
a target device by [the data transfer method in claim 1]:

performing bi-directional communication between
a host device and the target device, and

selectively setting a data transfer method to be
performed from a plurality of data transfer methods including a
synchronous transfer method, which performs flow control, and an
asynchronous transfer method by using the bi-directional
communication, wherein the data transfer method is set by the
host device in accordance with a data transfer method set in the
target device; and

transmission means for transmitting image data to
[said] the target device via said communication means.

11. (Amended) An image processing apparatus
comprising:

communication means for performing communication with
a host device by [the data transfer method in claim 1]:

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performing bi-directional communication between the host device and a target device, and

selectively setting a data transfer method to be performed from a plurality of data transfer methods including a synchronous transfer method, which performs flow control, and an asynchronous transfer method by using the bi-directional communication, wherein the data transfer method is set by the host device in accordance with a data transfer method set in the target device; and

processing means for processing image data received from [said] the host device via said communication means.

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12. (Amended) A data transmission apparatus connected to a serial bus, comprising:

communication means for performing bi-directional communication with a target device; and

setting means for selectively setting a data transfer method to be performed from a plurality of data transfer [method] methods including a [PULL model, based on] synchronous transfer method, which performs flow control, and an asynchronous transfer method by using the bi-directional communication,

wherein the data transfer method is set in accordance with a data transfer method set in the target device.

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13. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12,
wherein the plurality of data transfer methods [further include]
includes a PULL mode, in which the target device reads data from
the apparatus, a response model, in which a response is returned
in a unit of block transfer, a simplified response model, in
which a response of the simplified response model is to simplify,
a PUSH model, in which the apparatus writes data into the target
device, and an isochronous model, which uses an isochronous
transfer.

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14 13. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12
13, wherein the PULL model is a PULL data transfer method in
which data transfer is performed by reading data of [said host
device] said apparatus by [said] the target device.

15 17. (Amended) A data transmission apparatus

connected to a serial bus, said apparatus comprising:

communication means for performing bi-directional
communication with a host device; and

transfer means for performing data transfer with
[said] the host device by a data transfer method selectively set
from a plurality of data transfer [method] methods including a
[PULL model, based on] synchronous transfer method, which
performs flow control, and an asynchronous transfer method by

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using the bi-directional communication,

wherein the data transfer method is set by the host
device in accordance with a data transfer method set in the
apparatus.

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18. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 17,
wherein the plurality of data transfer methods [further include]
includes a PULL model, in which said apparatus reads data from
the host device, a response model, in which a response is
returned in a unit of block transfer, a simplified response
model, in which a response of the simplified response model is to
simplify, a PUSH model, in which the host device writes data into
said apparatus, and an isochronous model, which uses an
isochronous transfer.

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16 19. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim [17]
18, wherein the PULL model is a PULL data transfer method in
which data transfer is performed by reading data of [said] the
host device by said [target device] apparatus.

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21. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 17,
further comprising formation means for forming a visible image on
a print medium based on data received by said transfer means [on
a print medium].

22. (Amended) A data transmission system for transferring data through a serial bus, comprising:

communication means for performing bi-directional communication between host and target devices; and

setting means for selectively setting a data transfer method to be [set] performed from a plurality of data transfer methods, including a [PULL model, based on] synchronous transfer method, which performs flow control, and an asynchronous transfer method by using the bi-directional communication,

wherein the data transfer method is set by the host device in accordance with a data transfer method set in the target device.

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23. (Amended) The system according to claim 22, wherein the plurality of data transfer methods [further include] includes a PULL model, in which the target device reads data from the host device, a response model, in which a response is returned in a unit of block transfer, a simplified response model, in which a response of the simplified response model is to simplify, a PUSH model, in which the host device writes data into the target device, and an isochronous model, which uses an isochronous transfer.

25. A data transmission method of host and target

devices which are connected by a serial bus, said method comprising the steps of:

transferring data from [said] the host device to [said] the target device, by using a transfer method selected by the host device from an isochronous transfer [or] method and an asynchronous transfer method in accordance with a data transfer method set in the target device; and

transferring a procedure signal for transfer of the data to [said] the host and target devices by a common asynchronous transfer.

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26. (Amended) The method according to claim 25, wherein the asynchronous transfer method includes a Push Buffer model, in which [said] the host device writes data into [said] the target device, and a Pull Buffer model, in which [said] the target device reads data from [said] the host device.

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27. (Amended) The method according to claim 25, wherein said host device sets [a] the data transfer method corresponding to [said] the target device, based on the procedure signal transferred [by] in the common asynchronous transfer.

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28. (Amended) The method according to claim 25, wherein [said] the host device selects the [isochronous transfer

or the asynchronous] data transfer method based on the procedure signal transferred [by] in the common asynchronous transfer.

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25 29. (Amended) The method according to claim 25,
wherein the serial bus is a bus adapted to or based on [the] IEEE
1394 standards.

27 31. (Amended) The method according to claim 25,
wherein [said] the host device provides image data.

28 32. (Amended) The method according to claim 25,
wherein [said] the target device forms a visible image[,] on a
print medium based on the image data[, on a print medium].

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29 33. (Amended) The method according to claim 25 31,
wherein [said] the target device stores the image data into a
storage medium.

34. (Amended) An image processing apparatus
comprising:

communication means for performing communication with
a target device by [the data transfer method in claim 25]
transferring data from a host device to the
target device, by using a transfer method selected by the host

device from an isochronous transfer method and an asynchronous transfer method in accordance with a data transfer method set in the target device, and

transferring a procedure signal for transfer of the data to the host and target devices by a common asynchronous transfer; and

transmission means for transmitting image data to [said] the target device via said communication means.

35. (Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

communication means for performing communication with a host device by [the data transfer method in claim 25]

transferring data from the host device to a target device, by using a transfer method selected by the host device from an isochronous transfer method and an asynchronous transfer method in accordance with a data transfer method set in the target device, and

transferring a procedure signal for transfer of the data to the host and target devices by a common asynchronous transfer; and

processing means for processing image data received from [said] the host device via said communication means.

36. (Amended) A data transmission apparatus connected to a serial bus, comprising:

transfer means for transferring a procedure signal for data transfer by a common asynchronous transfer [common] to a target device; and

transmission means for transmitting data to be transmitted to [said] the target device by using a transfer method, which is selected from an isochronous [transmission or] transfer method and an asynchronous [transmission] transfer method, in accordance with a data transfer method set in the target device.

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37. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the [isochronous] asynchronous transfer method includes a PUSH buffer model and a PULL buffer model.

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39. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said transmission means selects the isochronous transfer method or the asynchronous transfer[,] method based on the procedure signal transferred by the common asynchronous transfer.

41. (Amended) A data transmission apparatus connected to a serial bus, comprising:

transfer means for transferring a procedure signal

for data transfer by a common asynchronous transfer [common] to a host device; and

reception means for receiving data from [said] the host device by using a transfer method selected by the host device from an isochronous transfer [or] method and an asynchronous transfer method in accordance with a data transfer method set in said apparatus.

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42. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the asynchronous transfer method includes a PUSH buffer model and a PULL buffer model.

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43. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein [said] the host device sets [a] the data transfer method corresponding to said reception means[,] based on the procedure signal transferred by the common asynchronous transfer.

44. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein [said] the host device selects the [isochronous transfer or the asynchronous] data transfer method based on the procedure signal transferred by the common asynchronous transfer.

45. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising formation means for forming a visible image on

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a print medium based on data received by said reception means [on a print medium].

46. (Amended) A data transmission system for transferring data through a serial bus, comprising:

first transfer means for transferring a procedure signal for data transfer by common asynchronous transfer to host and target devices; and

second transfer means for performing data transfer between said host and target devices by using a transfer method selected by the host device from an isochronous transfer [or the] method or an asynchronous transfer method in accordance with a data transfer method set in the target device.

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47. (Amended) The system according to claim *46*, wherein the asynchronous transfer method includes a PUSH Buffer model and a PULL Buffer model.

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48. (Amended) The system according to claim *46*, wherein [said] the host device sets [a] the data transfer method corresponding to [said] the target device, based on the procedure signal transferred by the common asynchronous transfer.

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49. (Amended) The system according to claim *46*,

wherein [said] the host device selects the [isochronous transfer or the asynchronous] data transfer method based on the procedure signal transferred by the common asynchronous transfer.

50. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium [having] storing computer program codes[,] for executing data transmission of host and target devices which are connected by a serial bus, said product comprising:

communication process procedure codes for performing bi-directional communication between [said] the host and target devices; and

setting process procedure codes for selectively setting a data transfer method to be performed from a plurality of data transfer methods including a [PULL model] synchronous transfer method, which performs flow control, and an asynchronous transfer method by using the bi-directional communication,

wherein the data transfer method is set by the host device in accordance with a data transfer method set in the target device.

51. (Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium [having] storing computer program codes[,] for executing data transmission of host and target